

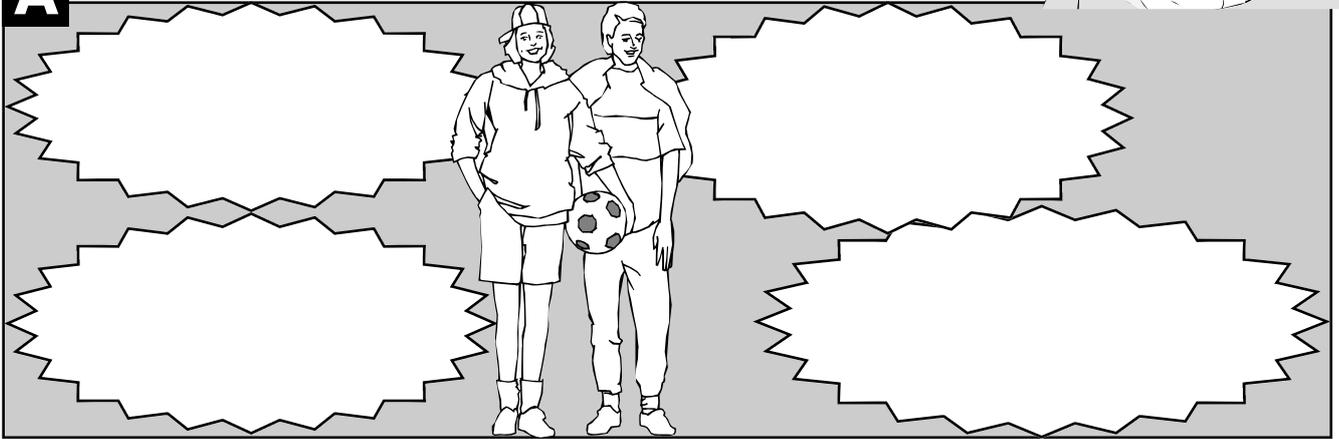
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# WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM?



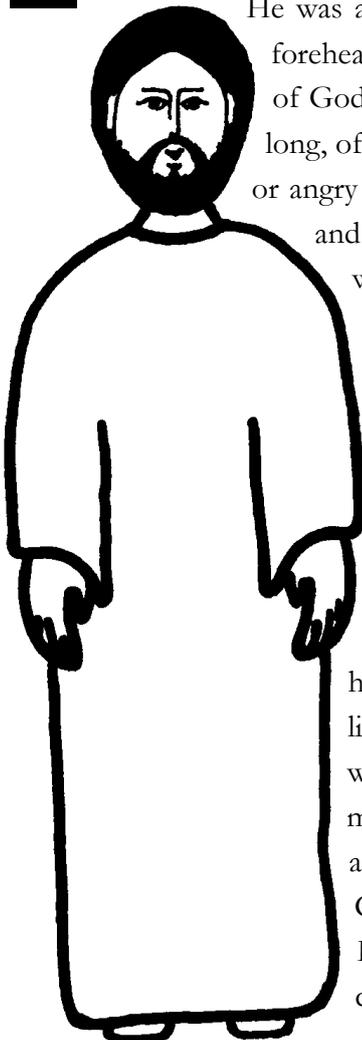
**A**

What qualities do you normally look for when choosing friends?



**B**

Now read about the qualities of One Man!

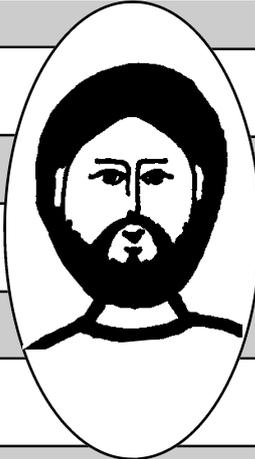


He was a tall man with a youthful face with a pale dark complexion. He had a high forehead, black eyes ever cast downwards. He was a handsome man, as befits the Son of God made man, without any physical defect. Like all Nazarenes He wore his hair long, of a chestnut colour. His voice was steady and clear, and it could be either gentle or angry depending on the circumstances. When sitting his position inspired modesty and majesty. He loved silence. His words were full of learning, consolation, warnings and corrections. He threatened hypocrites. He knew reading and writing though nobody ever taught Him. His miracles and wisdom, and his calm and gentle temperament drew the crowds towards him. He would reject or repulse no one who approached Him. He showed affection to everybody, but in his choice of friends He preferred the lowly, the little ones and the ignorant. No gift, praise, or any other thing could bribe his principles of justice and truth. He faced every persecution with courage. He was honest and upright in everything, and never feared the powerful. He disciplined his companions sometimes gently and sometimes strongly. Neither praise nor humiliations effected Him. He showed delight when people surrounded him to listen to his teachings. He never taught anything without strengthening his words with example. His wisdom, witnessed to by his patience, astonished the most astute among the Doctors of the Law. Many were envious of his talents, and yet He treated them with compassion. He was inspired only by one ideal: God the Father towards whom He had a profound reverence, and a zeal for His Law. He loved his widowed mother so much that as He was dying on the cross he left her in the care of one of his apostles.

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Look up these references using the New Testament . What are the qualities ascribed to Jesus.

Matthew 9:32-34		Mark 4:39-40
John 19:28-30		Mark 16:9-14
Matthew 15:35-39		Luke 19:5-10



What does Jesus mean when he says:

**“If anyone wants to follow me, let him deny himself, take up his cross and follow me.”**

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What about myself? What qualities have I shown lately?

**Qualities I have shown lately**

**Prayer**

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